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Claim 8 of Document AA appears to be similar to claim 1 of the present application.


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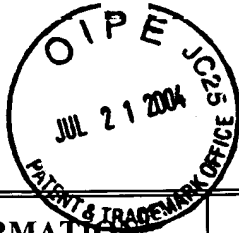
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